

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Outline Verse 1:19

- the things you have seen
- the things which are
- the things which will take place after this

Outline

- I. Introduction (the things you have seen)---Chapter 1
- II. Exhortation to the Seven Churches
 (the things which are)---Chapters 2 and 3
- III. Heavenly Visions (the things which will take place
 after this)---Chapters 4:1-22:5
- IV. Final Exhortations ---Chapter 22:6-20
- V. Closing Blessing ---Chapter 22:21

Interpreting Revelation—Four Main Approaches

Preterist----description of events in the Roman Empire in the First Century AD. (Cf. A.D. 70)

Historicist---panorama of church history from the apostolic era until the consummation of history

Idealist---Timeless symbolic depiction of the cosmic spiritual struggle between the forces of good and evil

Futurist---Actual future events which will accompany the end of the age

(Predictive prophecy)

- Great Tribulation
- Bodily return of Christ
- Millennium
- Final Judgment
- Eternal State

INTRODUCTION AND BENEDICTION 1:1-3

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

“Revelation”--disclosure, unveiling
“of”---from
about
possessed by

The Chain of Revelation

God the Father

Jesus Christ His Son

Revealing Angel

Apostle John

Who bore witness to:

--the Word of God

--the testimony of Jesus Christ

Christ's Servants:

(Seven Churches)

(All true Christians)

Revelation---Introductory Blessing 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Other Beatitudes in Revelation:

- 14:13 --those who die in the Lord
- 16:15 --those who are watching for the Lord's return
- 19:9 --those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb
- 20:6 --those who share in the first resurrection
- 20:7 --those who obey the words of the prophecy of this book
- 22:14 --those who do His commandments
(--those who wash their robes)

REVELATION ONE

“The things which you have seen”

A. Introduction and Benediction 1:1-3

B. Greeting and Praise 1:4-8

C. Vision of Christ the Judge 1:9-20

Christ the Judge

- Chapter 1 --Character of the Judge
- Chapters 2-3 --Judge in the midst of the churches
- Chapters 4-19 --Judge in the midst of Israel and the
 nations
- Chapter 20 --Two resurrections and Judgment at the
 Great White Throne